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1. Of the three types of housing available in the USSR, communal residences are the most common.¹ Communal residences are operated by the local City Directorate of Communal Economy (Gorodskoye Upravleniye Kommunalnogo Khozyaystva - abbreviated as Gorkomkhoz) or by a rayon equivalent of this office.
2. The Gorkomkhoz supervises the various housing directorates (domupravleniya) in a city. The domupravleniya in turn supervise the house managers (upravdomy), who are in charge of all the dwelling units in one or more separate buildings. The upravdom has charge of the house booklet (domovaya kniga), registers all residents in and out when moves take place, and signs the arrival form (listok pribytiya) and departure form (listok ubytiya) of persons changing residence.
3. The occupant of a dwelling unit in a building operated by the Gorkomkhoz has in his possession a document known as an order. This document is considered as proof of the person's right to occupy the dwelling space. A person having an order can rent part of his dwelling unit to someone else, provided that the laws regarding space requirements are not violated. A person who is vacating his residence can sell his order to whomever he chooses, provided that the floor space per person in the dwelling unit is not appreciably affected by the size of the buyer's family. Prices of ordera in large cities begin at about 10,000 rubles. As a result, ordera are usually exchanged between families moving between the same two cities.

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